

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Cuyahoga Valley National Park 15610 Vaughn Road Brecksville, Ohio 44141

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Dear Reader/Reviewer:

Enclosed is the Final Rural Landscape Management Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio. The document describes and analyses the impacts of four alternatives, including the No Action alternative, for the long-term management of the rural landscape in the park.

The Draft EIS was released in February 2003. The National Park Service received 77 comment letters on the Draft EIS, containing 190 substantive comments on the adequacy of the document and the merits of the alternatives presented. The Final EIS includes responses to the substantive comments received on the Draft EIS and a complete reprint of all comment letters (Chapter 5).

The Final EIS will have a thirty-day "no action" period as required by the National Environmental Policy Act regulations, which will begin when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability is published in the *Federal Register*. Following the "no action" period, a Record of Decision will be published in the *Federal Register*.

All questions or inquiries should be directed to the Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

Sincerely,

John P. Debo, Jr. Superintendent